

Godlove S. Orth Letters

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Biographical Note:

Godlove S. Orth was born April 22, 1817 in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He attended Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania where he studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1839 and began his practice in Lafayette, Indiana. He was a member of the Indiana State Senate from 1843-1848 where he served as President for one year and was the president elector on the Whig ticket in 1848. He served as a delegate to the peace convention held in Washington, D.C., in 1861. During the Civil War he served as captain of a company of volunteers.

He was then elected to the House of Representatives in 1863 and served until 1871 and then again from 1873-1875. While in the House he served as the chairman for the Committee on Private Land Claims and the Committee on Foreign Affairs. He was appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Austria-Hungary March 9, 1875 and served until May 23, 1876, when he resigned. He was then elected to the House again in 1879 and served until 1882. Godlove S. Orth died on Dec. 16, 1882 and is buried in Springvale Cemetery.

Source:

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress. United States Congress. 16 November 2006
<<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=O000106>>

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains Godlove S. Orth's letters to Schuyler Colfax, discussing Whig, Know Nothing, and Republican Party politics, the Indiana General Assembly, and other state and national issues. Also included are copies of Orth's letters to James A. Garfield.

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